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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An air bag system comprising:
 - an inflator;
 - a folded air bag which is ~~inflated~~ inflatable to be deployed into a passenger compartment of a vehicle by a gas produced by the inflator ~~at the time of~~ during a collision and is provided with a through hole passing through ~~in a tunnel-like fashion~~ the air bag to open in both side surfaces thereof;
 - a retainer supporting the inflator and the folded air bag; and
 - ~~straps~~ an external, annular strap which ~~pass~~ passes through ~~[[a]]~~ the through hole ~~to be disposed on an outer circumference of~~ in the air bag and ~~control~~ controls a deployment shape of the air bag.
2. (Currently amended) The air bag system according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ the straps are selected from the group of external straps and internal straps, further including an internal strap.
3. (New) The air bag system according to claim 1, wherein said external, annular strap is a plurality of external, annular straps, said straps surrounding different surfaces of the air bag at a time of deployment of the air bag.